Mysterious Message Sent the Nonpar-. tisan Mr. Catterson by Taggart.

Did "Bob" Fix Him? That Is the Question-A Wide Field of Speculation Opened by the Finding of a Paper.

"Bob-You fix him. T. T." What a world of mystery is concealed in these few words that passed between Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Demoeratic city committee, and Robert Catterson, who holds a job with the city administration by virtue of the fact that once upon a time, further back than the fairy

kind-hearted man Mr. Taggart is. Don't believe it, eh? What reason have you to doubt that this was the object of Mr. Tag-gart in penning the note to Mr. Cat-terson? There you go—thinking that Mr. Catterson is looking after the beelers for little Mr. Sullivan and waiting for Mr. Taggart to send the gentlemen heelers around. Do you think Mr. Catterson would so far forget himself as to take a

part in a local campaign and "fix him?"
Ugh! the thought fairly shivers one.
Who could "him" have been? Surely not some fireman who threatened to bolt the machine ticket. Perish the thought. Or was it some heeler who needed just a little amount to tide him over during the present financial depression, till he could realize on some securities he held down in his ward! "Bob-you fix him-T. T." Let us see. What a world of speculation there is in those wonderful words. How many has "Bob" fixed up to date? Is Mr. Catterson an old umbrella mender, a harness maker or a tinker at decrepit clocks? No, because Mr. Taggart is grammatical, and he would not have said "him" when he meant "it." Perhaps it was some man that had lost an

Bob you fix him

Who can tell?

tale would have it, he voted the Republican ticket and thereby enabled himself to come in on a deal with Mayor Sullivan as the "Republican" member of the Board of Safety.

A little slip of paper conceals this myssery to which reference is made, and the little slip of paper was found just like any little piece of misplaced paper might be found. In order to furnish the people with something to guess at, the Journal publishes a fac-similie of the line that Chairman Taggart sent to this nonpartisan Democrat-Republican.

What does "You fix him" generally mean in a political campaign? Oh, yes, some poor man came to Mr. Taggert and wanted some bread, and the kind Mr. Taggert sent him to good Mr. Catterson. What a good,

A BANK AND DISTILLERY

A Dual Role Is Alleged Against an Aurora Concern in a Tax Case Appeal.

County Officials Seem to Know but Little of the Vaines of the Concern's Stock or Its Plant.

The most important appeal before the State Board of Tax Commissioners yesterday was that made in the afternoon, from Dearborn county. The appeal was made by the Aurora Distilling Company, through its attorney, Hugh D. McMullen. The Board of Review of Dearborn county returned the assessment at \$200,000. The capital stock of this association is \$300,000, and worth, according to the County Board of Review. 66 cents on the dollar. Attorney McMullen denied this, saying that while it is true the stock had once sold at that figure, it was in reality only worth half as much now. He said that \$183,980 of the stock is owned by parties outside the State, in Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"But what I wish to present to the board," continued Mr. McMullen, "is the tangible property, which is \$102,440. We own no franchise, and our stock is worth but little over 34 per cent."

At this point he was interrupted by

County Atterney Howk, who wanted to know what had become of the real estate valued at \$45,000. Mr. McMullen denied that there was any real estate of such value and asked County Assessor Johnson if he really knew whether the company owned the land on which the distillery is located. Mr. Johnson could not answer this question and in fact appeared to not be well informed on the real value of the company's property. He knew what it was two years ago, but had not personally in-spected it this year, as he afterward testified upon questioning by the county attorney. Before the argument had proceeded far attorney Howk made a motion to dismiss the appeal the ground that the description of the property involved was not in accordance with the rules of the board.

The motion was not entertained. Mr. Johnson stated that there were things of importance outside the appeal which he would give if allowed more time. He said the company had for years done a private banking business, and that its stock did not depend on the amount of tangible property, as asserted by the company's attorney. He said that the secretary of the company had been quesloans, securities and other assets, and no definite answer was given.

"We fully believe," said attorney Howk, "that the property of the company is worth \$275,000. The value of the whisky on hand in Aurora alone is \$160,000." The county assessor was then sworn in as witness and testified. He answered so

few questions that attorney McMullen ex-pressed the belief that the assessor really knew nothing about the property and was not a competent witness. The board then adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

There were a number of appeals from smaller corporations in the morning. The smaller corporations in the morning. The State Bank of Plymouth, the State Bank of Argus, the Union Bank of Bremen and the First National of Plymouth were represented by State Senator Parker. The appeal was taken by the auditor of Marshall county. The banks had been assessed at about 70 per cent. of their book value, and the auditor thought this too low. Mr. Parker asked that the appeals be dismissed, but the board refused to grant the request. The appeal he thought was unjust on the general ground that the banks were all in hard lines. The board will not were all in hard lines. The board will not give out its decisions on the appeals already made for a few days.

AFFAIRS OF THE LCOTED BANK.

Collateral Given Mrs. Schuyler Colfax Returned-The Odd Fellows' Security.

From the suspended Indianapolis National Bank troubles are likely to arise for months to come. Among the more developments resulting from Receiver Hawkins's investigation it is known that Mrs. Schnyler Colfax will be a large loser. It is believed that her claims will be tested in the courts. Mr. Hawkins said last night that he could not say what action might be taken later on. "However," said he, "I know that Mrs. Colfax will lose \$30,000 by the suspension. There can be no question of this. Mrs. Colfax was a stockholder to the extent of \$15,000. This she has already lost. Being one of the stockholders she will be assessed \$15,000 additional for the benefit of the creditors. Schuyler Colfax was a stockholder to the amount of \$12,500. His loss, therefore, will be \$25,000."

The oft-repeated question, "Did State Treasurer Gall have money in the bank?" was put to Mr. Hawkins. He replied: "I have said all upon that subject that is to be said. So far I have found nothing on the books to indicate that Mr. Gall had

money in the bank." "How about the collateral security fur-nished by Mr. Haughey for the \$40,000 belonging to the Odd Fellows?" "That belongs to Mr. Haughey's personal affairs," replied Mr. Hawkins. "I am in

charge of the bank." "Babe" Shied Rocks.

In the Police Court, yesterday morning, "Babe" Russell was fined \$1 and costs for malicious trespass and sent to the workhouse for thirty days. Several weeks ago Russell, who is a bad colored man residing in "Sleigho," shied a rock at officer William Wheeler, which missed the officer and crashed through the window of an Indianaavenue business house.

Died Suddenly. William Smith, of Brightwood, aged thirty-four years, arose Friday morn-

arm or a leg, and Mr. Catterson was expected to fix the disjointed member. At least it might be a case of "pulling, etc."

The autographic message is no antiquity found in the tombs of the Ptolemies. It was picked up in the shape of which a fac "Bob" from "T. T." In order that some attempt may be made to solve the mystery, there will be given as a prize to the first person unraveling the mystery a copy of the late work entitled "Hawkins on Receiving, or How to Hold Public Offices." The work is a valuable one and covers a period of twenty-five years during which the author had every opportunity to observe that of which he writes. A second prize, "Little Joe, or Sullivan and the Crap Shooters," will be offered.

ing, and after breakfast complained of a dizzy sensation. He lay down in the sitting room while his wife went out on an errand, and when she returned found him dead. The coroner viewed the remains yesterday. Smith followed the occupation of a plasterer.

CONVENTION OF COMMERCIAL BODIES.

Board of Trade Will Send Mesers. Holliday, Tanner and Erwin as Delegates.

At the last meeting of the local Board of Trade governors, a communication was reseived from the New York Board of Trade. in which the following question was asked: "Will the Indianapolis Board of Trade send at least two delegates to a convention of commercial bodies, to be held in Washington, D. C., on or about Sept. 1, if it be decided to call such convention, to take action upon the financial and business situa-

The communication recited that "the New York Board of Trade, while believing the true policy of the United States at this time is to repeal the purchasing clause of the Sherman law, it nevertheless believes that silver should be restored to its proper place and use as money among the nations. To this end this organization has heretofore worked, but since the action had been taken by the British India Council there seems no sound ground upon which to stand except the repeal of the so-called Sherman law. Holding this view and also believing that a true expression of the business interests of the country can best be had through a general convention representing all interests, and that from such general convention to be held in Washing-ton during the special session of Congress the best results for all interests can be obtained, it is the purpose and wish of the New York Board of Trade, if the conven-tion be held, to secure as full a representa-tion as possible of both sides to the pending controversy."

President James A. Wildman has been notified that the convention will be held Sept. 12. He has accordingly appoint as delegates to that convention Messrs. John H. Holliday, George G. Tanner and D. P. Erwin. President Wildman says his information upon the subject is that there will be a large attendance of commercial bodies from all parts of the country. Thirteen hundred organizations were addressed regarding the advisability of the meeting. Among the replies received only one was unfavorable. The Denver Chamber of Commerce opposed the repeal

and passed resolutions to that effect. The Indianapolis Board of Trade is convinced that the time for discussion of the financial situation by business men has passed, and that the time for earnest, intelligent and united action has arrived. The purpose of the convention at Washconsider the needs of the country in their gravest aspects.

NO DELAY TO THE WORK.

Street-Car Company Does Not Want National Road Widened Now.

Yesterday morning President Mason. General Manager McLean, attorney H. Clay Allen and trackmaster McGraw, of the Citizens' Street-railroad Company, appeared before the County Commissioners and sought to have the work on the improvement of the Irvington free gravel road delayed. The work has been begun and will be rushed to completion between Tuxedo Park and Pleasant run. The representatives of the street-car company said that when the road was improved not long since they were compelled to conform their tracks with the grade, and if it were again improved it would compel them to make more excavations and lower their tracks, and they wished the improvement delayed in order to give them an opportunity to see the property owners and endeavor to get them to agree to stand a portion of the expense in consideration of the company placing the earth excavated in the hollows along the roadsides. The County Com-missioners refused to delay the improve-ment, as in the present condition the roadway at each side of the tracks is insufficient to accommodate the traffic.

CLERK BUTLER'S REPORT.

Funds of His Office in the Indianapolis National Shown.

Noble C. Butler, clerk of the United States Circuit Court, has prepared his report to the United States Treasurer of the moneys on hand for the week ending Aug. 26. The report is as follows: With the Assistant Treasurer at Chi-

An Onslaught for Naught. Friday night Constable Hutton rushed into the Court-street entrance of Weilacher's saloon, and in a very excited manner called for assistance to capture a burglar, whom he said had taken possession of Justice Habich's office on the opposite side of the street. Several persons who were in the room at the time volunteered their assistance, and, armed with beer mallets, revolvers, billiard cues and a number of et ceteras, some half dozen persons started for the office to capture the night marander. They quietly collected around the door. and at a word from their valiant leader tney made a dash for the office. Inside sat Constable Holmes, all unconscious of the warlike gathering on the outside till the

onslaught was made. "What's up!" he asked in astonishment, as the crowd burst through the door, He was recognized by the leader and then an explanation was demanded. He was positive that when he had left the office a few minutes before there was no one else around, and that he had looked the door. Holmes said that when Hutton left he (Holmes) and a friend were sitting upon the deorstep of the office and that Hutton did not lock the door.

CHARLES PEABODY WILDER.

He Was Well Known in Business and Social Circles Here, Where He Resided Many Years.

Mr. Charles Peabody Wilder, of the United States engineer's office, Cleveland, O., died in that city suddenly of neuralgia of the heart, Sunday, Aug. 20, 1893.

He was born in Salem, Mass., May 4, 1824, and was a descendant of two of the oldest families in New England, the Wilders having come over from England and settled in Charleston, Mass., in 1638, and the Peabodys, his mother's family, having come over from England and settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1635. He was educated at Brown University, Providence, R. I., and was a gentleman of unusual learning and culture. Heremoved with his parents, in 1845, to Newark, O., where he began life as a bank cashier. Nov. 8, 1848, he married Miss Eloise Walker, of that city. In 1867 he removed with his wife and four children to

Indianapolis, where for many years he was identified with the business and social life of the city. He and his wife were among the original members of St. Paul's Cathedral, of which church he was the treasurer for some time. In the various positions of trust which he occupied during his life he was noted for his unimpeachable integrity and purity of character.

He leaves a wife, four children and two grandchildren to mourn his loss. His eldest child, Mrs. Alice Wilder Morton, with her two children, John R. and Eloise, live in Baltimore, Md.; his second daughter, Mrs. Fanny R. Winchester, lives in Indianapolis; his son, Mr. Charle A. Wilder, lives in Lansing, Minn.; his youngest child, Mrs. Mary Wilder Preston, lives in Haughville,

The funeral services, conducted according to the rites of the Episcopal Church. took place at Cleveland, and the burnsl in the family lot in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Newark, O.

"After the Ball's" Author in Town. The author of "After the Ball" was in the Journal office yesterday afternoon and escaped unharmed before his identity was discovered. He is a much handsomer and more romantic-looking fellow than would be imagined from his plain address, "Chas. K. Harris, Milwaukee, Wis." About the medium height, rather pale, though not slender, with "a love of a mustache," brown eyes and soft, rich voice, he doesn't look like a man who would inflict misery. However, he has written another song, "Hearts," which made a hit when sung at the Grand yesterday afternoon and seems destined to become as popular as his former

Licensed to Wed. Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Herbert C. Gorham and Daisy Loyd, Walter Dean and Kate Sailor, Jacob Schmidt and Dora Brown, Richard Lieber and Emma Rappaport, Henry Adams and Anna Lee Green, Charley A. Offenbacker and Cora E. McCormick, William P. Jones and Laura J. Gilbert.

Dunlap Fall Style. Opening day fall style hats, Friday, Sept. 1, "Seaton's Hat Store."

THE NATIONAL CALAMITY.

What Are Its Real Causes?-How Confidence

May Be Restored. In times like these, when, almost daily, numerous banks close the doers to their depositors, extensive business houses of acknowledged stability are compelled to make assignments for the benefit of their creditors, when factories shut down, when many thousands of unemployed laborers are clamoring for work to keep the wolf from their doors, when the highest officer of the land deems it necessary to call together the representatives of the different States for the purpose of finding means to relieve or improve the prevailing embarrassing condition, it becomes the duty of every good and loyal citizen to do all in his power to restore the shaken confidence. The origin of the depierable situation is assigned to many different causes. Many prominent politicians on either side have shown a disposition to hold each other responsible for the hard times-Democrats claiming them to be the painful consequence of the late Republic-an administration, while many adherents of the G. O. P. have the audacity to term the present predicament "Democratic panic." Many non-partisans ascribe the trouble to other sources, as speculation, overproduction, etc., etc., but the major-ity of people are led to believe that "the Sherman bill" is in this case "the root of all evil," and should be repealed immediately and unconditionally. In the vast multitude of different opinions, however, many are losing sight of the fact that in emergencies of this nature much can be done to alleviate, at least partially, the financial strain placed upon communities severally. There is a good deal of food for thought in this assertion. It is a wise doctrine to husband one's resources at home, as the following illustration will plainly demonstrate. There are in this city a variington is to appoint a nonpartisan, expert | ety of interests, involving large amounts commission, so far as that can be done, to of money, a great portion of which, however, does not remain within the bound aries of our State, and therefore does not benefit us in the least. For instance, take the breweries. There are in our city seven

agencies of large breweries established in

other States, disposing of from fifty to six-ty thousand barrels of beer annually, ag-gregating from \$350,000 to \$420,000, which amount, with the exception of \$30,000 to

\$40,000, is taken from this city. The assessed value of their real and personal properties, on which they pay taxes, as given by those agencies, amounts to only There are also the English syndicate breweries, with a capital of \$2,000,000 and an assessment of only \$800,000, which produce annually 150,000 barrels of beer, yielding, undoubtedly, a handsome profit, but their net earnings all go to England. Thus it may be said that this city sends at least one-half of a million of money away for beer alone, while the Home Brewing Company has all its capital invested here, is paying taxes on every dollar so invested, and, as every one of its stockholders is a taxpayer of Indianapolis, leaves every cent of its earnings here in this city. Does not, to the fair-thinking mind, suggest itself the thought that it would be but wise and just that the people of this city or State should prefer to bestow their patronage upon an institution of this kind, especially since their products rank among the very best? That their product is the purest and ripest in this city is shown by their sworn report to the internal revenue department, which specifies the material used for the manufacture of their beer, also how much they keep in store continually, indicating the age of the beer placed on the market. A comparison of their reports with those of other com-peting breweries will convince any fairminded man or expert that the product of the Home Brewing Company is superior to any in this market and equal to that made in Bavaria. Bavaria, as is well known, is the only country on the surface of the globe in which the government controls the manyfacture of malt beverages. Under the laws of Bavaria no beer is allowed to be offered on the market which contains anything on the market which contains anything but pure malt and hops, under a penalty of confiscation and destruction of the product. Most of the beers sold in this city would in Bavaria meet with the degrading fate of being thrown in the guiler, while that produced by the Home Brewing Company would absolutely and positively stand the test. Therefore if you want to be instrumental in assisting to get over the

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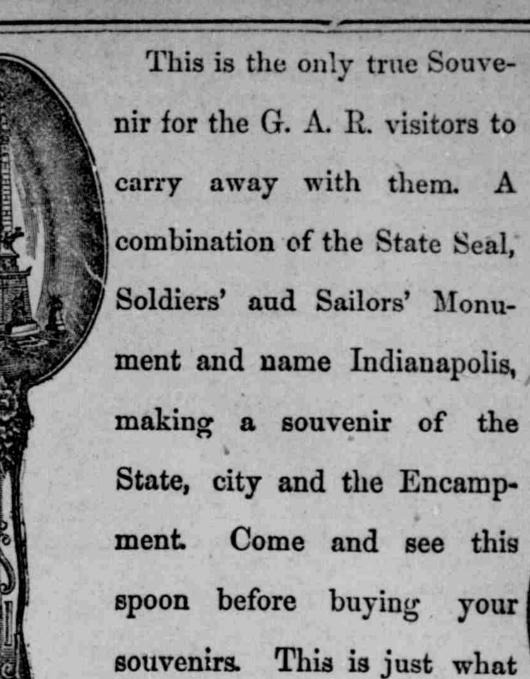
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